

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 15, 2017  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau  
Judy Hopkins, Legislator  
Karl Graves, Legislator  
Jim Wilcox, Grange

Staff

Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:37 pm**
2. **Minutes of July 18, 2017 - Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports - Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – No Report
  - b. FSA – No Report
  - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
  - d. Executive Director –
    - i. Program Updates:
      1. Round 20
        - a. Locustbrae Farm is continuing to work on their grazing project
      2. Round 21
        - a. No changes in the last month
      3. FL\_LOWPA
        - a. Jones Beef Farm’s project has been delayed until September
        - b. Meehan Farm is planning on starting their diversion ditch project in the next few weeks.
        - c. Year 14-15 grant program is complete, we just need complete the closeout
      4. AEM
        - a. Year 13
          - i. We are working with 6 farms to plan practices for the NRCS grant program RCPP.
            1. Practices include cover crops, reduced tillage and diversion ditches.
            2. We will end up submitting grants for around \$800,000. We will receive 20% of the awarded grant amount to help implement them.
          - ii. We received our final Year 12 payment and our advance Year 13 payment.

- 5. Southern Tier Program
  - a. Will Hall has completed his bunk silo project.
  - b. Dan Nickerson is getting quotes for his shop project.
  - c. Mike Clark's project is up in the air pending bank funding. Hope to know more in the next few weeks.
- 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
  - a. No changes in the last month
- 7. Belfast River Stabilization
  - a. We have been in contact with Cathy Young's office to see if they can help with matching funds.
- ii. Technical Assistance:
  - 1. We have provided technical and permit assistance for stream stabilization projects for the following:
    - a. A private landowner in the Town of Burns
    - b. A private landowner in the Town of Rushford.
- iii. We finished a grant application for the Town of West Almond. This was for a Water Quality Improvement Project grant application to construct a salt storage shed. Total grant application was for \$146,676.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **Board Room Furniture** – Discussion regarding direction in how much to budget for our new board room furniture. Decided on a 16' table and 12 chairs, approximate budget of \$7500.00 if Scott can find the money for it.

**6. New Business**

- a. **Discussion Regarding recent storms and Emergency Disaster Assessment and procedures to help after inclement weather** –
  - i. Could Soil & Water help in the assessment of personal property or refer property owners to someone that could help?
  - ii. Could Soil & Water help property owners in the prevention of property damage/loss before another storm?

**7. Announcements**

- a. Next meeting will be September 19, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

**8. Correspondence**

- a. NYACD Teleconference Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2017
- b. NYACD Annual Meeting Registration Form
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum Registration Form
- d. NYS Soil Health Workgroup – Farm Equipment Technology Training (at Empire Farm Days)
- e. NYS Soil Health Workgroup Schedule for Empire Farm Days

**9. Adjournment - 6:51 pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**